

# Senator Mary Fitzpatrick

SENATOR IN DUBLIN CENTRAL. SPOKESPERSON ON HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE.



## A Chara,

I hope you are keeping well. I work every day to resolve the housing crisis and to champion our community. In this newsletter are updates on new homes, schools and other social infrastructure including a new special school for Dublin 7, Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire, a new critical care unit at the Mater Hospital, the campaign to name the National Children's Hospital after Dr Kathleen Lynn and other significant developments in Dublin Central.

I hope you enjoy the read, please contact me if you have any queries.

*Is mise le meas,*

*Mary Fitzpatrick*

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIME:

Thanks to everyone who responded last year to our public transport survey. Following on from the survey Gardaí have established new Garda transport hubs at Connolly Station and conducted unannounced patrols on LUAS and buses.

I would really appreciate your help to make our community safer. Can you please take two minutes to contribute to our anti-social behaviour and crime survey? We want to confidentially capture your experience of anti-social and criminal behaviour so we can prioritise policy to tackle these issues.

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Launching Fianna Fáil Anti Social Behaviour Survey

**MONTHLY IN-PERSON CLINICS WITH CLLR EIMER MCCORMACK:**

**3rd Monday of each month at:**

- Naomh Fionnbarra GAA Club, Cabra West
- Maples Hotel, Iona Road, Glasnevin

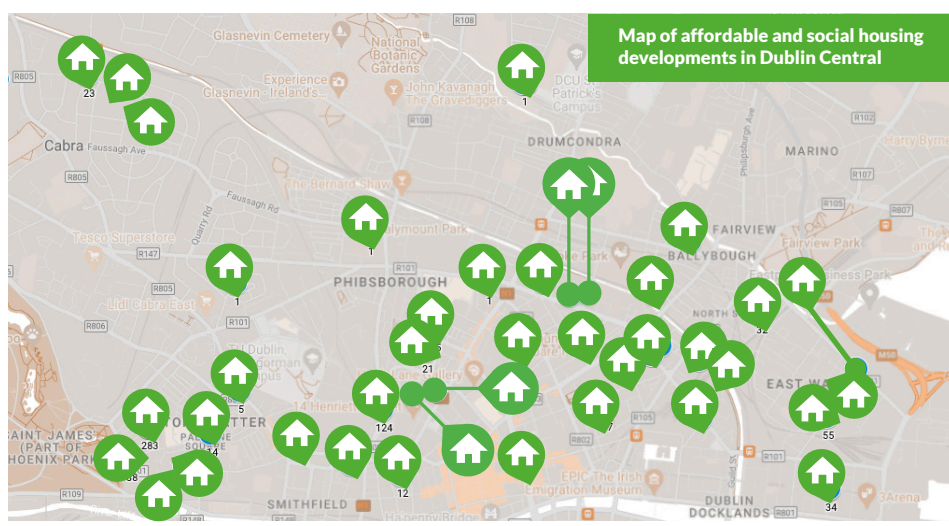
**If you would like to make an appointment, please contact me at [mary.fitzpatrick@oir.ie](mailto:mary.fitzpatrick@oir.ie) or at 085 838 3427.**



# HOUSING

To resolve the housing crisis, caused by a decade of undersupply, Fianna Fáils Housing For All, the biggest housing plan in the history of the state, is backed by €20billion funding and new legislation to build 300,000 new homes. In Dublin Central this means, for the first time in more than a decade, there are 2,300+ new social and affordable homes under development as part of Housing For All.

The fastest and most sustainable way to increase housing supply is to reuse existing vacant properties. Following my representations, Government approved grants up to €70,000 to turn vacant properties in Dublin Central into homes. Building on this success I have submitted a proposal to government for a €100million fund to accelerate the delivery of affordable homes in Dublin City through the adaptive reuse of vacant commercial properties.



*Link to map*

# HEALTH

All healthcare services should be patient focused, accessible, and affordable. Fianna Fáil in government is working to make healthcare more accessible and affordable.

All public hospital in-patient charges have been abolished to help reduce healthcare costs of patients and families.

Women's contraception has been made free to all women aged 17-26. From September '23 we are extending free contraception to women up to 30 years of age.

Women's healthcare is also being prioritised through the development of the critical care West Wing at the Rotunda.

The new Rock Wing at the Mater Hospital will ensure that everyone in Dublin Central will have access to top-quality healthcare services on their doorstep. The new wing has 98 beds, including 16 ICU beds and will be home to a new National Isolation Unit and allow the Mater to care for an additional 5,000 patients a year.

In 2023 €28 million in funding has been allocated to healthcare infrastructure in Dublin Central.

This funding will develop a National Campus of Excellence for the Visually Impaired at Childvision on Gracepark Road along with a day services hub for adults with autism at Adelphi House. For young people and anybody suffering from an eating disorder, a dedicated eating disorder clinic will be located on Griffith Avenue. This new funding builds upon Fianna Fáils commitment to increasing and improving healthcare provision for all.



With Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly



# YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION



Launch of Cruinnú na nÓg at Mud Island Community Garden

## D7 Special School

A new special school has been announced for Dublin Central. The new school in Grangegorman will cater for students aged between 4-18 and will support students with autism and Moderate General Learning Disability with complex needs who have a professional recommendation for a special school. This special school will provide a nurturing and inclusive environment, ensuring that every child receives the support and attention they deserve.



Congratulations to Cabra For Youth staff, volunteers and young people for winning Belong To Rainbow Award

## Corpus Christi Hall

Well done to everyone who successfully supported the re-opening of The Corpus Christi Hall on Home Farm Road. I was delighted to work with all stakeholders to secure support from Minister for Education, Norma Foley and others. I welcome the divestment of the hall to Corpus Christi National School and the commitment that the hall will be used for school and community purposes. This is a great outcome for all.



Meeting with Minister for Education and Save Our Hall

## Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire

After 20 years, the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire are finally set to get their new school. Building of the new 16 classroom school has commenced on Dominick Street. There will be resource rooms, a library, recreation spaces and a general-purpose hall. Construction is expected to take 24 months. The new school will enable the pupils of Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire to grow, learn and reach their full potential.



Turning the sod on Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire's new school

## DR KATHLEEN LYNN

My motion to name the new National Children's Hospital after Dr Kathleen Lynn secured unanimous support in Seanad Eireann and was accepted by government. The motion recognised Dr Kathleen Lynn's contribution to women's and children's healthcare and called on the government to name the new National Children's Hospital after Dr Kathleen Lynn. I was also delighted to secure the support of the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Health and the Oireachtas Women's Caucus for the campaign to name the new hospital after Dr Kathleen Lynn. Government now has a clear mandate to name the National Children's Hospital after Dr Lynn.



With the 1916 Relatives Association



# HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANTS

Housing Adaptation Grants are available for older people and people with a disability to make their home more accessible by covering up to 95% of the costs of adaptation works. You can use these grants to:

- Add ramps or other ways to access your home
- Extend your home to create more space
- Add accessible bathroom facilities
- Install a stair lift
- Install grab rails
- Repair or replace the roof, windows or doors
- Upgrade electrical wiring
- Provide central heating



Christ the King Girls School  
visiting Leinster House

# LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT

Supports are available to remove lead pipes from your home. The Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme provides funding for 100% of the approved cost of works to replace lead pipes, up to €5,000.

To be eligible for the grant, you must occupy the house concerned as your normal place of residence. If you are a long-term tenant of the property, you must have the permission of the owner to carry out the works. The grant is administered by your local authority.

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